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——ホントはもっと触って
キスして舐めたいって言ったら、
コイツ、どーゆー顔すっかな？

長男・晴、双子の次男＆三男・亜樹と蒔麻、末っ子・零は海業家の4兄弟。零に「お前が望むなら俺はただの『弟』でいる」と言わせてしまったことを気にしつつ、変化のない日常を送っているつもりだった晴は、亜樹と蒔麻に零が少しずつ見えない壁を作り始めていることを指摘され戸惑う。一方、思春期特有の体の変化に無自覚な零は学校で倒れてしまい…!?　苦労性長男、超美形双子、野生児末っ子の4兄弟が贈る一筋縄じゃいかないトラブル・ラブ第3巻!!　描き下ろしも収録♥

Imperium

SUPER LOVERS
#7

IT'S PAST 11 NOW...

NIISAN'LL GET MAD AT YOU IF YOU DON'T GET TO BED...

WHAT?

REN...

.....

I KNOW...

shhhh...

"...THEN I'LL STAY JUST YOUR LITTLE BROTHER."

"IF YOU REALLY, TRULY WANT ME TO BE ONE..."

DOES THAT MEAN...

...THAT SOMETHING'S GOING TO CHANGE, THEN...?

'Just your little brother'...

How is that any different from how we've always been?

REN.

ARE YOU AN IDIOT, SHIMA?

WHAT'S THE POINT OF GIVING HIM CAFFEINE?!

IF YOU CAN'T SLEEP, WANT ME TO PUT ON SOME COFFEE?

OH, RIGHT...

RIGHT NOW?

IF YOU'RE TOO HUNGRY TO SLEEP, WE COULD ALWAYS GRAB SOME RAMEN FROM THE SHOP BY THE STATION!

I'M MORE IN THE MOOD FOR UDON THAN RAMEN, PERSONALLY.

IT'S RAMEN OR NOTHING FOR ME!!

YOU'RE UP FOR RAMEN, RIGHT REN?

WITH TONKOTSU!

...ACTUALLY, I WANT SOBA.

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE A TEENAGER?!

KNOCK

YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD GEEZER!!

AKI, THAT'S AGE-IST.

I'M GOING TO BED.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

YOU'RE NO FUN.

stare...

NATURA BORN

STOP MAKING A RUCKUS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

REN--

HURRY UP AND GET TO BED.

RUN ALONG TO MY ROOM AND GET TO SLEEP.

ALL RIGHT.

DON'T 'WHAT' ME...

WHAT?

WHY'RE YOU MAKING THAT KID TAKE CARE OF YOU?

SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

ANIKI!

...IS GOING TO CHANGE?

.....?

WHAT IS WITH YOU TWO?!

HE GOT RUN OFF ON ONCE ALREADY AND YET HE HASN'T LEARNED A THING...

I'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR MANAGING TO BE SO THICK...

'TAKE CARE OF ME'?

WAIT--*I'M* MAKING *REN* FEEL LIKE THAT?!

IT'S SO ADORABLE... OR RATHER, SO *AWKWARD*, I COULD CRY.

AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HE COULDN'T FIND THE TIMING TO ASK YOU HIMSELF, SO HE WAITED UP THIS LATE JUST FOR THAT...

...BUT TONIGHT HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO GET YOUR PERMISSION.

WELL--HE USUALLY HEADS OFF TO YOUR ROOM WITHOUT SAYING A WORD...

YOU'RE FULL OF SHIT.

YOU'VE NEVER SEEMED TO CARE ABOUT HIM REMOTELY.

WELL, WE'RE HIS BIG BROTHERS TOO, AFTER ALL.

WHY'RE YOU TWO STICKING UP FOR HIM ALL OF A SUDDEN?

SO IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA GO THROUGH WITH IT, THEN YOU REALLY OUGHT TO TELL REN OUTRIGHT.

I MEAN SURE, WE STAYED HANDS-OFF WITH REN BECAUSE WE FIGURED SO LONG AS HE HAD YOU, HE'D BE OKAY.

BUT SHIMA AND I AREN'T NEARLY AS THICK AS YOU.

THAT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN HANGING ALL OVER HIM AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO GET IN OURSELVES!

GO THROUGH WITH... WHAT?

wince

ALL OF THE STUFF YOU'VE DONE WITH WOMEN SO FAR.

HUH?

AUGH!!

I'm so SORRY!

WHY'RE YOU ALL BENT OVER LIKE YOU'RE REPENTING?

AND YOU'RE TRYING TO BLAME THAT ON US NOW?!

Ugh, I can't deal with this.

I'm going to bed.

Me too.

You two are so cold!

REN...?

GEEZ, YOU'RE STILL A-WAKE?

YOU KNOW YOU HAVE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING.

I KNOW.

WAS JUST READING A BIT TO HELP MAKE ME SLEEPY.

WAIT--HUH?

I SEE...

IT'S JUST-- YOU SEEMED REALLY INTO YOUR BOOK...

"WHITE FANG"?

WOW, THAT TAKES ME BACK!

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW I USED TO READ IT TO YOU?

I RE-MEMBER.

AFTER ALL, I TOOK IT FROM YOUR BOOKSHELF IN CANADA.

I SEE.

WELL--TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT! THAT USED TO BE MY FAVORITE BOOK.

Snicker

HERE.

YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK NOW.

OKAY...

WAIT--NO.

REN...?

IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU CARE ABOUT, THEN YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO LOOK AFTER IT, HARU.

IT'S YOUR FAVORITE, RIGHT?

AH--WELL, SURE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN...

I DON'T MIND IF YOU HOLD ON TO IT, SEE?

SWISH

REN.

I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

WELL, I... GUESS YOU HAVE A POINT THERE...

HUH ?

HEY YOU TWO

WHERE'S REN?

WHAT'DJA TALK-ING ABOUT?

HE LEFT A WHILE AGO

HUH?! ALREADY?!

AND AFTER I TOLD HIM I'D DRIVE HIM TO SCHOOL

Haru had nothing to return

I'M THE ONE WHO TOLD HIM TO GO ON AHEAD, OTHER-WISE HE'D JUST BE WASTING HIS COMMUTER PASS.

NOW WHAT'D YOU HAVE TO GO AND SAY A THING LIKE THAT

DON'T WORRY, I MADE SURE HE HAD HIS LUNCH WITH HIM!

Even after I told him I'd stay just his little brother...

ALRIGHT ALRIGHT

I'M TURN-ING OFF THE LIGHTS NOW

THAT'S WHY I WAS PLANNING ON LETTING HIM KNOW THIS MORNING I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM TO OR FROM SCHOOL FOR A WHILE!

I KNOW THAT!!

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE PLANNING ON MAKING IKUYOSHI OVERSEE EVERYTHING!

WASN'T THE RECONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE SHOP SUPPOSED TO START TODAY?

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU-- ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE THE TIME TO BE SO LAZY...?

JUZEN.

HUH?

BOY-FRIEND?

WELL THIS IS A RARE SIGHT, REN!

YOUR BOY-FRIEND NOT HERE TO SEE YOU OFF TODAY?

Y'KNOW! THAT SMOKIN' HOT DUDE YOU ALWAYS HANG OUT WITH!

SOOOO HOW WAS YOUR GOLDEN WEEK?

MUST BE ROUGH FOR YOU, THE WAY HE STANDS OUT WHEREVER HE GOES, HUH!

DIDJA GO ANYWHERE SPECIAL FOR A DATE??

DID YOU AND YOUR MAN GO SOMEPLACE JUST THE TWO OF YOU DURING VACATION AND GET YOUR LOVIN' ON??

YOU KNOW--

.....DATE?

SOOOO?

WHAT NOW?

turn

HE'S CHEATING ON YOU?!

SOME CHICK KEPT POKING HER HEAD IN AND OUT OF HARU'S PLACE.

NO, NOT REALLY

WAIT--NO, NO, I MEAN, OF COURSE IT'S NOT RIGHT TO CHEAT! YEAH!

REN?!

OH--MY BAD!!

WE.L--CUT HIM SOME SLACK!

A GUY CHEATING ON SOMEONE AIN'T A BIG DEAL!

.....

SO THIS CHICK

.. WAS SHE HOT?

MOST OF THE WOMEN WHO FLOCK TO HARU ALL HAVE GREAT SELF-CONFIDENCE

I SUPPOSE SHE'S GOOD-LOOKING, BUT.

'BUT'?

..I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT, BUT

SHE SEEMED LIKE SHE'D KNOWN HARU FOR A LONG TIME

THE ONLY THING I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT SHE DOESN'T THINK VERY HIGHLY OF ME.

?

SHE'S NOT MY RIVAL

HMM?

SOMEONE CERTAINLY SOUNDS CONFIDENT

WELL I WOULDN'T THINK SHE WOULD!

SHE PROB'LY THINKS SHE'S WAY BETTER THAN A GUY LIKE YOU, BEIN' A WOMAN AND ALL!

SHE DID MENTION THAT SHE CONFESSED TO HARU A LONG TIME AGO BUT WAS REJECTED.

HAHA!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT YERSELF A RIVAL, REN!

WHAT, YOU THINK THERE'S NOW WAY SOME STUPID CHICK COULD POSSIBLY WIN OVER YOU?

THAT'S NOT IT..

HMM?

...IT WAS ALL JUST A MIS-UNDERSTANDING.

I'VE REALIZED...

EVERYTHING.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

HARU-SAN, I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS OVER HERE--

I'M USE-LESS WITH PAPERWORK, AFTER ALL

--SO YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF ANY OTHER WORK YOU MIGHT HAVE.

GOT IT.

I'LL BE IN THE HOUSE DOING WORK.

'KAY!

I'VE GOTTA GO SHOPPING FOR DINNER.

OH--CRAP.

"REN..."

IT'S BEEN RAINING ALL MORNING.

IT'S DANGEROUS, SO DON'T GO OUTSIDE, OKAY?

NO, IT WON'T--

IT'LL CLEAR UP SOON.

IT'S FINE

THE SLOPES ARE SLIPPERY, AND THE RIVERS ARE SWOLLEN

grumpy

...I'M BORED.

GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

HERE--I'LL READ YOU A BOOK WHILE WE WAIT

DON'T NEED IT.

show

YOU SURE?

I BET YOU'LL LIKE THIS ONE

AAAAND HE'S HOOKED.

THIS THING S A BIBLE FOR DOG-LOVERS, HUH...

"HAHA! HE'S LIKE ME! WHITE FANG'S GRAND-MOTHER WAS A DOG, AND HIS GRANDFATHER WAS A WOLF."

"...SO THEN, HARUKO'S FATHER WAS A WOLF?"

"THE GRAY WOLF WHITE FANG IS ONLY ONE-QUARTER DOG? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?"

"GYAHAHAHA!"

HARU.

ARE YOU LISTENING?!

HEY, HARU!

EXCUSE ME??

UGH, WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS.

I CAME TO SEE HOW THINGS WERE GOING SINCE THE CONSTRUCTION WAS SUPPOSED TO START TODAY.

HEY--WHY NOT POUR A GIRL SOME TEA OR SOMETHING??

WHEN DID YOU COME IN HERE?

WHAAT? OH, IT'S YOU, KI-YOKA.

GEEZ, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU, SPACING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY

IKU LET ME INSIDE JUST BEFORE.

KNOWLEDGE

A TRACE OF THE STATE'S

I'LL HAVE SOME ICED LEMON TEA.

REN?

TIGHT-LIPPED?

HE'S A HELL OF A LOT BETTER NOW THAN HE WAS AS A LITTLE KID

KNOWL

A TRACE OF THE STATE'S MIND

OH RIIGHT.

YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN, BUT BOTH REN AND I WERE RAISED IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES.

SO IS THAT WHY THAT BRAT'S SO TIGHT-LIPPED? BECAUSE HIS JAPANESE SUCKS?

SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS BOOK?

IT'S FALLING APART...

UGH--ENGLISH?

WHO THE HELL COULD READ SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

IT WAS EASIER TALKING TO THE DOGS THAN HIM AS A KID.

He wouldn't say a word, just sat there glaring.

And he liked to bite and scratch

I was under constant threat

.....WHAT WILD DOG ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT??

I HEARD FROM IKU.

...THAT HE'S ADOPTED.

SO REN IS ADOPTED...

I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS WHY HE'S SO CLINGY WITH YOU--YOU PROBABLY SPOIL HIM ROTTEN.

WHAT OF IT?

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT ?

NOT REALLY

JUST...

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S KIND OF LIKE YOU AND THAT BOY?

BECAUSE THAT MAN IS THE FIRST ONE WHO'S EVER BEEN KIND TO THE WOLF

IT'S THE ONE WHERE A LONE WOLF MEETS THE ONLY MASTER HE'LL EVER ACCEPT

YOU KNOW--I READ THIS BOOK WHEN I WAS A CHILD, TOO.

...IS SIMPLY A FORM OF IMPRINTING, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

BUT THAT. .

"BUT THAT...IS SIMPLY A FORM OF IMPRINTING, WOULDN'T YOU SAY...?"

I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE!

HARU?

DAMMIT...THAT ASSHOLE TOTALLY HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD...

SLAM

...YOU'RE A GOOD KID, REN...

!

ARE YOU GOING OUT?

OH--NO, WELCOME HOME

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT DOING SOME SHOPPING..

AND--SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO GO PICK YOU UP FROM SCHOOL.

NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING?

I CAN MAKE IT HOME ON MY OWN.

YOU'RE GONNA START GETTING BUSIER, RIGHT?

...YOU'RE ALWAYS SO...

REN...?

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO EAT FOR DINNER?

THEN--COULD YOU WALK TANUKI FOR ME?

AND THERE'S SOME PUDDING IN THE FRIDGE, SO EAT THAT AFTER YOU'RE FINISHED.

PUNCH ME?!

ONE MORE WORD OUT OF YOU AND I'LL PUNCH YOU.

HEY-- REN?

I'LL GO ON THE WALK AND EAT THE PUDDING AND LEAVE DINNER UP TO YOU.

...NO, NEVER MIND.

Between the childish joy I feel when he praises me...

...and the irritation I feel when he treats me like a child...

It grates... and I want to just scream my lungs out and gain some measure of release.

Not for Haru, and not for me

WHAT'S WITH HIM?

AGE NOW?

GOTCHA.

SOUNDS ROUGH.

?

WHAT. ARE YOU DOING?

I'VE GOT HOMEWORK.

I'M STILL NOT DONE.

SO I'M SLEEPING HERE TONIGHT.

REN?

THIS GUY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU'RE SLEEPING IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT, RIGHT? SURE IT'LL BE A TIGHT SQUEEZE WITH TWO PEOPLE IN A TWIN-SIZED BED, BUT WE CAN MANAGE IT FOR ONE NIGHT, I FIGURE...

I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND HIT THE HAY, ALL RIGHT?

SOUNDS

You've got a lot of nerve—

THAT HURTS! OWW!!

NOT THE HAIR! SERIOUSLY, ANYTHING BUT THAT!!

You mean to tell me you're just going to lie there while I slave over my most reviled subject, Japanese?!

HUH?

DON'T LIE!!

I'M NOT LYING!

HEY--REN...

I CAN'T...

...SLEEP UNLESS I'M WITH YOU!

JOLT

IT'S *YOUR* ASSIGNMENT!

BESIDES-- IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN HELP YOU OUT!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP!!

I DON'T WANNA!

JUST GO BACK TO YOUR OWN ROOM!

NO, I'M NOT

I'M TALKING WITH YOU NOW, AREN'T I?

...ARE YOU AVOIDING ME?

TRUE.

THEN... ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME?

...WHY SHOULD I BE AFRAID OF YOU?

BECAUSE OF WHAT I DID TO YOU BEFORE, IN THIS ROOM.

YOU...WERE JUST DRUNK, RIGHT?

KISS

YOU SAID YOU'D NEVER LAY A FINGER ON ME, AFTER ALL.

I JUST SPEND THE ENTIRE DAY THINKING ABOUT IT AND I'M NOT ABLE TO FOCUS ON ANYTHING ELSE...

What Haru truly wants

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU HATED ME

IF YOU DON'T WE AND WISH BACK TO HOW IT WAS

SPLOP

HARU!!

I'M NOT LEAVING

SO I'M NOT GOING BACK THERE

I'LL BE RIGHT HERE

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE

I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE, HARU.

categories.

And then he'll just be disappointed.

OH-- CRAP.

I LET HIM FALL ASLEEP WITHOUT FINISHING HIS HOMEWORK.

exhale

Despite what Aki and Shima said before...

...most people wouldn't be able to sleep so soundly...

...in the arms of someone they like ***like that***, right?

GEEZ, HIS NECK IS SO SLENDER...

HM ?

NGH

BUT HE ST... DOESN'T HAVE ANY HEAT TO HIM YET

HE'S SO MA ABU

kiss

WELL--

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

.....

OH. WAIT

DID I FALL ASLEEP LAST NIGHT WITHOUT

HARU. ?

HEY G MORNING

WELL

YEAH. YOU DID

YOU--!!

DON'T YOU EVER SHOW YOUR FACE IN HERE AGAIN!!

MY JAPANESE HOMEWORK!

MAN. YOU'RE A REAL BOOK-WORM. HUH.

Note: Since Ren is enrolled on scholarship, his attendance, grades, and of course his work are all closely inspected.

JAPANESE? NOT ENGLISH?

HUH?

WHATCHA BEEN WORK-ING ON ALL THIS TIME?

I'M EXEMPT FROM ENGLISH WORK--SO IN-STEAD, I HAVE TO DO THIS

HOMEWORK FOR JAPAN-NESE CLASS

EXEMPT? BUT WHY?

Like with honorific speech

Because I'm worse with Ja-panese.

FORGET JUST JAPANESE--YOU'RE BAD WITH POP CUL-TURE IN GENERAL

AH-- KAIDOU?

And men and women speak differently

scribble

.....

FROM THE GIRLS' WING.

YOU'VE GOT A VISITOR.

Note: The 'Zuka Club' is a club comprised primarily of up-and-coming wannabe actresses, named after the all-female theatre troupe Takarazuka Revue.

HOW'VE YOU BEEN, REN?

I CAME TO INVITE YOU TO LUNCH TODAY

I HAVEN'T HAD MANY CHANCES TO SLIP AWAY FROM THE GIRLS' WING.

YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT A BENTOU FROM HARU-SAN, RIGHT?

YEAH.

GOOD GUESS

WHO THE HECK IS THAT CHICK? SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE COULD BE IN THE ZUKA CLUB...

KIRI!

IS HE?

YOUR SUPER-HOT, GOOD-WITH-HOUSEWORK BROTHER IS PRETTY FAMOUS, AFTER ALL.

THE GUYS AROUND MY NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE BEEN SAYING YOUR NEW PLACE IS TURNING INTO A RESTAURANT.

AND THIS IS KIRI.

KONDOU KIRI. WE WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL.

HEY!!

...I DON'T SEE THE POINT, TO TELL THE TRUTH

THIS IS KUROSAKI JUUZEN.

AREN'TCHA GONNA INTRODUCE ME TO THIS LOVELY YOUNG LADY HERE??

...WELL?

IT'S JUST A WRITING EXERCISE.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WRITE WHATEVER YOU WANT.

OH? WHAT HAVE WE HERE...?

CHECK IT OVER FOR ME.

GREAT TIMING.

I'M HAVING TROUBLE WITH MY JAPANESE HOMEWORK

THEY WERE DEFINITELY RIGHT TO ASSIGN THIS TO YOU!

IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT THE CONTENT... OR RATHER, YOUR EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS LITTLE BETTER THAN THAT OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID

IT'S A DOG.

HUH? YOU GOT A TANUKI FOR A PET, REN?

I'D GIVE THIS **15** POINTS.

WELL .ET'S SEE WHAT YOU HAVE...

"I WENT TO THE ZOO WITH HARL. WE SAW A TANUKI."

IT'S SO VAGUE.

WHATEVER I WANT ..?

BUT--THE THEME IS 'SOMETHING FUN THAT HAPPENED TO ME RECENTLY'

"I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH IT LOOKED LIKE THE ONE WE HAVE AT HOME * THIS. .READS LIKE SOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID'S DIARY.

F---fif-teen...?!

Everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses.

This homework definitely isn't suited for you, but your brain'll turn to mush if you don't use it now and then!

DON'T READ IT OUT LOUD!

REN?

WELL, YOU'RE NOT ENTIRELY WRONG ABOUT THAT AT LEAST

?

WHAT?

I...guess you're right.

NO--I JUST ASSUMED HE'D LIVED WAY OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS SOMEWHERE

REN AND I WERE RAISED ABROAD

YOU HADN'T HEARD?

UH, WHAT'S WITH THIS BRAINY CONVERSATION GOING ON?

?

I ACTUALLY FELL ASLEEP BEFORE EVEN DOING IT LAST NIGHT..

I SEE...

DID YOU NOT GET MUCH SLEEP BECAUSE OF THAT ASSIGNMENT?

NOTHING, JUST--YOU LOOK KIND OF SICK..

GOT IT.

YOU SHOULD VISIT THE NURSE IF YOU DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP

I'LL COME AND GET YOU FOR LUNCH!

BUT CHICKS REALLY PICK UP ON THINGS.

SHE WAS RIGHT-- YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD TODAY.

YOU SHOULD SIT OUT OF GYM THIS AFTERNOON.

I HEAR WE'RE DOING A 2K.

IT'S ALL THIS ASSIGNMENT'S FAULT I'M NOT FEELING WELL.

SWIK

15 points

HOW 'BOUT THAT ..A CHICK WHO TALKS LIKE YOU

ARE ALL RETURNEES LIKE THAT?

no one else understands a word they're saying...

I'M NOT SURE...

. BUT SHE WAS THE ONLY GIRL I COULD EVER CARRY ON A PROPER CONVERSATION WITH

I SEE...

GEH!

You've gotta be kidding me!!

REN?!

I'M GOING ON AHEAD

IT'S JUST HARD TO KEEP PACE WITH YOU LIKE THIS.

dash

HUH?

HEY REN-- YOU OKAY?

NO...

WOW...THAT RUNT'S PRETTY FAST. .!

WHO IS THAT. ?

THAT'S KAIDOU, ISN'T IT?

THE ONE WHO GREW UP ABROAD.

DAAAAMN!

I'm having trouble breathing even though I haven't run far .

This...when I ran with the dogs all the time back in Canada...?

——————?

huff

NICE, KAIDOU! YOU GOT THE BEST TIME!

huff

CAN'T BEAT GROWING UP IN THE MOUNTAINS, HUH!

Oh yeah...these days, the only times I walk around outside are when I take Tanuki on walks...

Once Tanuki's more used to being outside

KAIDOU?

huff

KAIDOU?!

I'll have to make our walks a bit longer...

huff

AH, YES.

I'M SORRY FOR THE IN-CONVENIENCE.

RIGHT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

I'LL BE RIGHT OVER, THEN.

KIYO--DO YOU MIND IF I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU?

I'VE GOTTA GO AND PICK UP REN.

WHAT? BUT HE'S A HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT!

ARE YOU TRY-ING TO TELL ME HE CAN'T MAKE IT HOME ON HIS OWN WITHOUT GETTING LOST?

He finally keeled over

HE'S NOT LOST, BUT AT THE VERY LEAST HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT HOME ALONE.

HE'D HAD A FEVER SINCE THIS MORNING.

AND YET YOU STILL LET HIM GO TO SCHOOL?

WELL--HE SAID HE HAD SOME BIG ASSIGNMENT HE HAD TO TURN IN.

I SURE PUSE SO

OH RIGHT

YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK.

WHAT?

NO NEED RIGHT?

YOU NEVER CALLED HER?

I'M SURE SHE FEELS THE SAME

I d comp etely forgotten about it unt.l she told me!

WELL THERE YOU ARE--

NO NEED AT ALL.

After all'

GEEZ, YA SCARED THE SHIT OUTTA ME!

JULIZEN?

REN?!

YOU JUST COLLAPSED AFTER YOU FINISHED THE SPRINT!

THAT'S WHY I *TOLD* YOU TO REST UP!

.. both our minds are occupied with thoughts of someone else now

AND IT HAD TO BE TODAY, WHEN THERE'S NO NURSE!

KAIDOU--I CALLED UP YOUR BROTHER!

HE'S COMING TO GET YOU

THERE, THAT'S GOOD

I SEE

AH-- WANNA CHANGE CLOTHES?

'S NO!

IF THAT CHICK HADN'T SAID ANYTHING, I--

THAT'S NO BIG DEAL-- BUT NEXT TIME, SAY SOMETHIN' IF YOU DON'T FEEL GOOD!

SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

WHAT'S WRONG, KUROSAKI?

WAAAH!!

SPIT IT OUT!

REN!! YOU!!

SPIT WHAT OUT?

SLAM

?

N-N-N-nothing at all!

S'ry for the out-burst!!

WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.

THAT GUY'S CHEATING ON YOU, AIN'T HE?

THEN *YOU'RE* CHEATING ON--

AND I'M NOT CHEATING ON HIM EITHER.

HE ISN'T.

THEN WHAT'S WITH YOU TWO?!

NOTHING.

WE'RE THE SAME AS WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN.

SO YOU PATCHED THINGS UP?!

'PATCH'?

CUT IT OUT, JUUZEN!

THERE'S NO WAY HE'D COVER YOU IN THESE IF THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON!!

GEEZ, YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS!

JUST SHUT UP AND LET ME SEE, DAMMIT!

LEMME SEE IT AGAIN!

'SCUSE ME..

LET ME GO!!

WHA...

AND JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO MY REN...?

COME ON.

HOP IN.

NO--GET IN THE BACK.

THE BACK?

.....

WHAT ?

.....

SEE WHAT?

. DID HE SEE IT?

COLD!

FEELS LIKE A FEVER OF ARJUNE 38 DEGREES .

I FIGURED THIS WAS COMING, THOUGH.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

YOUR HANDS ARE JUST COLD

NOT REALLY?

DID THAT FEEL GROSS?

HARU?

HMM?

DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU'D NEVER MAKE A MOVE ON YOUR 'LITTLE BROTHER' ?

O ?

DID I ?

WELL THEN-- WHY DON'T YOU TRY CALLING ME "ONIICHAN" ?

DID IT FEEL GOOD, THEN ?

Kiss

NN. .

But some part of me... desperately prays that he won't.

GO ON GIVE IT A W

DEN ?

!! .....

C'MON "DARCHAN"

YOU WON'T GET PASSING MARKS UNTIL YOU SAY IT NICE AND SWEETLY...

If he gives in and says it...then I'll be nothing more than his brother.

SMACK!

ACK!

AS IF I COULD EVER SAY THAT!!

Note: 'Shirasu' are whitebait, about an inch in length and consumed whole.

I'VE NEVER HAD THIS BEFORE! IT'S CRAZY DELICIOUS!

WHOA, IS THIS RAW SHIRASU?

BUT-- ISN'T YOUR BROTHER A HOST ?

SEEMS HE'S GOING TO BE SHIPPING US STOCK FOR THE RESTAURANT

ONE OF HARU'S FRIENDS IS A FISH-ERMAN.

YEAH, I GUESS SO.

SOME PEOPLE QUIT BEING A HOST AND TRY OUT OTHER LINES OF WORK .

...AND OTHERS QUIT THEIR JOBS TO BECOME HOSTS.

...YOU'RE REALLY HARD TO UNDER-STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK SOMETIMES.

ALSO--HE'S NOT MY 'BROTHER'

COULDA SWORN YOU TWO WERE AN ITEM ALL THIS TIME!

STILL--I NEVER WOULDA FIGURED HE WAS YOUR ***BROTHER*** AND NOT YOUR BOY-FRIEND IF YOU HADN'T TOLD ME OUTRIGHT!

HUH?

'HICKEY'?

MY NECK?

AH--SO THAT HICKEY I SAW ON YOUR NECK THE OTHER DAY *WAS* FROM HIM!

SO THEN HE *IS* YOUR BOYFRIEND!

HEY...

WHAT THE HELL *IS* THAT DUDE?!

THE FUCK?!

NOW YOU'VE GOT ANO-THER ONE!

RIGHT HERE!

I *KNEW* I WASN'T IMA-GINING..

WHERE?

IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!

What are you two doing?

HEY! CUT IT OUT, HARU!

BADUMP

YOUR YOUNGEST HAS INVITED A FRIEND OVER TO PLAY!

WHAT'RE YOU GOING AND BEATING HIM UP FOR??

AH--UMM, MY NAME IS KUROSAKI JUUZEN!

I'M KIYOKA! NICE TO MEET YOU!

AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE, MA'AM?

BUT I'M SORRY TO LET YOU KNOW.

I'm not a "ma'am"--

--but a "sir"!

WITH ME?

IT'S THE SAME WITH YOU, TOO.

IT'S MY FAVORITE SMELL...

CALMS ME DOWN.

THAT MUST BE WHY SHE DIDN'T SMELL LIKE A GIRL

YOU CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BY SMELL?

YEAH.

Uh oh, so the cat's finally out of the bag

Oh~ I'm sorry! Did I shock you??

Real name:
TAKAMORI SEIJI

OH... THAT EXPLAINS IT.

AUGH!

YOU SMELL SO YOUNG AND INNO--

I *LOVE* THE WAY YOU SMELL, TOO!

NOTHING!

WHAT'S WRONG, REN?

NISAN-- EVERYONE'S HERE...

Lately that kid has really

Owww

AH--RENREN!

THERE YOU ARE!

THIS IS THE SIGN FOR OUR SHOP!

ME?

CAN YOU HANG IT UP FOR ME?

PLUS--

TO COMMEMORATE OUR OPENING TODAY!

DID YOU HEAR, RENREN?

ABOUT HOW HARU-SAN SET UP THIS SHOP JUST FOR YOU?

JUST.. FOR ME?

.. SO HE FULLY INTENDED FOR YOU TO HAVE THE BEST EATING HABITS!

HE MENTIONED THAT EVER SINCE MOVING TO JAPAN, YOU KEPT RUNNING A FEVER..

SO--HE WORKED HARD AND EARNED HIS CHEF'S LICENSE--

--ALL SO HE COULD SET UP A RESTAURANT RIGHT NEXT TO HIS OWN HOME!

PLUS HE WAS SUPER WORRIED THAT YOU'D **NEVER GET TALLER!**

THAT'S...

AH--WHAT?

...NONE OF HIS CONCERN WHATSOEVER.

WEL-COME!

WHITE FAN

September Strawberry & Rikudou-Sennin Clan present

SUPER LOVERS

Scans: Silmira
Cleaning: Silmira, Solnesh
Translation: fencer_x
Typesetting: fencer_x

SUPERNOVERSES

FWUMP
FWUMP

MMM??

NGH ?

REN ?

Ran

SUPER LOVERS
#8

huff

huff

REN--

IF YOU'RE GONNA GO OUT RUNNING, AT LEAST LET ME KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

YOU WERE ASLEEP.

EVEN THEN!

I WORRY OTHERWISE.

...I'LL START DOING SO TOMORROW.

THERE'S A GOOD BOY.

WELL--FOR NOW, RUN AND TAKE A SHOWER.

I'LL GET YOU SOME BREAKFAST.

ALL RIGHT.

REN'S GOING RUNNING AGAIN TOMORROW ALSO?

HE'S BEEN GOING OUT EVERY MORNING SO LONG AS IT'S SUNNY LATELY.

HE SEEMS TO BE RUNNING QUITE A DISTANCE FIRST THING IN THE MORNINGS...

KEEPS GOING ON ABOUT NOT WANTING HIS BODY TO WEAKEN SINCE RETURNING TO JAPAN.

TEENAGERS HAVE AMAZING STAMINA..

...YOU KNOW, YOU'RE STILL A TEENAGER YOURSELF, ALBEIT ONLY FOR A BIT LONGER.

age 19

You sound like an old geezer

When the hell did you get back, Aki?!

Ugghhh I'm skipping classes today, Aniki...

COMPARED TO THAT BUM OF A TEENAGER PASSED OUT OVER THERE, REN'S PRETTY AMAZING.

BUT WELL--

SHE WANTED ME TO TRY SOME OF THE WINE WE'RE GOING TO SERVE THE CUSTOMERS, AND WE WOUND UP DRINKING UNTIL MORNING.

I was crazy lucky

All the wine we had was great!

THAT SEALS IT--YOU'LL BE WORKING IN THE SHOP FOR FREE FOR A WHILE.

NO WAY! I TOTALLY CAME BACK HOME BEFORE MIDNIGHT YESTERDAY!

KIYOKA GOT AHOLD OF ME IN FRONT OF THE SHOP...

THAT WAS WHEN WE STARTED DRINKING!

YESTERDAY?

OR JUST A WHILE AGO?

BUT FORGET THAT, ANIKI...

I NEED WATER...

GEEZ, YOU'RE ALWAYS OUT LATE PAINTING THE TOWN RED!

IF YOU'RE GONNA COME BACK HOME, DO IT *AFTER* YOU'VE SLEPT OFF SOME OF THE BOOZE!

I'M...KIND OF GETTING THE FEELING THAT MY CHASTITY'S IN DANGER HERE!!

"THAT" IS SHINJUKU 2-CHOME STORE NEEDED MORE EMPLOYEES...

YOU KNOW SHE DID MEAN...

BUT WHY?!

AAH, LIKE A CALF BEING LED TO SLAUGHTER?

SORRY--BUT YOUR BIG BRO PROBABLY CAN'T HELP YOU OUT THIS TIME!

HEY— WAIT!!

step

step

YEAH

I'LL EAT AFTER I'VE CHANGED

AH--REN

DONE ALREADY?

O, I'D--BREAK-FAST IS READY

...REN.

ARE YOU GOOD WITH PLUM AND SHISO ROLLS FOR LUNCH TODAY?

THEY'RE MY FAVORITE.

AND IT'S BEEN GETTING REALLY HOT LATELY, TOO.

WANT ME TO STICK AN ICE PACK IN YOUR LUNCH BOX, JUST IN CASE?

GULP

GULP

GULP

GO FOR IT

AND--

GYAA!!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

SHAMELESS

I FORGOT TO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES

...YOU...!

...SO YOU'RE SAYING I CAN DO IT IF IT'S JUST YOU?

YOU'D BETTER NEVER WALK AROUND LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF ANYONE BUT ME, GOT IT?!

RIGHT.

And afterwards, he received yet another lecture.

At least put on some underwear!

SO CAN ANY IN ING

YOU KNOW

...THAT LECTURE OF YOURS JUST OOZES ULTERIOR MOTIVES

IN FACT--IT UNDERSCORES YOUR PERVERSITY SO MUCH I COULD CRY

WE'VE CALLED IN A SPECIALIST LECTURER JUST FOR YOU FOR A SERIES OF PRIVATE CLASSES.

WHAT?

O'mare'

KAIDOU!

KAIDOU REN!

ARE YOU ENJOYING THEM...?

TODAY SHOULD BE THE THIRD ONE, IF I RECALL...

SO HOW DO YOU LIKE 'EM?

I MAY BE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER, BUT I'M JUST A GYM TEACHER.

ENOUGH!

TODAY, THE PROFESSOR AND I DISCUSSED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MICROPROCESSOR COMPONENTS USING ALGORITHMS, AND FIRST OF ALL--

THEY'VE BEEN RATHER USEFUL, I FEEL

...WHY?

THE VICE-PRINCIPAL WAS SITTING IN ON THE LECTURE WITH YOU, AND YOU HAD HIM SO ON-EDGE THE WHOLE TIME, HE HAD TO TAKE AN ANTACID JUST NOW!

THE WAY YOU'RE SO *NOT CUTE.*

THAT! THAT RIGHT THERE!

...THEN WHY DID YOU ASK?

AND THEN THERE'S THE BLANK WAY YOU ANSWER QUESTIONS!

YOU DON'T EVEN CRACK A SMILE!

YOU WERE BEING UTTERLY DISRESPECTFUL FROM START TO FINISH!!

YOU REALIZE YOU'RE DEALING WITH A **COLLEGE PROFESSOR** RIGHT?!

← expressionless

Next-generation blah blah blah

Last week we discussed cipher algorithms--although it's quite an outdated form of data encryption at this point

I SEE...

I'VE NO PLANS TO LEAVE JAPAN FOR NOW.

YES.

ARE YOU INTENDING ON STAYING IN JAPAN FROM NOW ON? EVEN FOR COLLEGE?

KAIDOU.

.....

THAT WAS *SAD*.

EVEN A PRESCHOOLER COULD WRITE SOMETHING MORE SUBSTANTIAL.

...I READ WHAT YOU WROTE THE OTHER DAY

YOU LACK *SPIRIT!*

There sure as HELL is something wrong with that, damn brat. ARGH!

...IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT OR ?

?

KUROSAKI JUU-ZEN'S THE ONLY KID IN YOUR CLASS YOU HAVE ANYTHING REMOTELY RESEMBLING A CONVERSATION WITH, RIGHT?

YOU'RE REALLY HONEST AND DO WELL WITH YOUR STUDIES, BUT EITHER WAY YOU'RE STILL AN *IDIOT*!

. THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF IDIOTS?

THEN AGAIN, HE'S A *REAL* IDIOT HIMSELF.

AND LEARN HOW TO SPEAK POLITELY! AND HOW TO SMILE!

GOT IT?!

AT LEAST LEARN YOUR CLASSMATES' NAMES AND FACES.

REGARDLESS, I'VE SPOKEN TO THE VICE-PRINCIPAL, AND WE'RE SUSPENDING THE LECTURES FOR NOW

...GOT IT.

you always give decent responses

I try.

That's "I try, sir"!

Right, Nacchan? ♡

GIRLS ARE JUST DIFFERENT!

WOULD'VE BEEN NICE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE SISTER...

YOU THINK?

WE'RE JUST ONE BIG HOUSE OF BACHELORS.

I SUPPOSE IT'S BECAUSE HE HAS THOSE THREE YOUNGER BROTHERS?

HARU-CHAN'S SO GOOD WITH KIDS!

HUH...?

RENREN?

Kyahaha!

If only we were 10 years younger!

There's no way you don't, right? You're such a catch, after all!

HUH?! WWM.

CHATTER

Haru-chan, do you have a girl-friend?

Ooh yes!!

If you want one so badly you should have one of your own!!

CHATTER

YOU MUST BE THIRSTY.

WANT A DRINK

WE..COME HOME

..HARU. .

GET INSIDE. HARU-SAN'S ALMOST DONE HERE.

WEL-COME BACK!

kiss

ANY-THING'S FINE.

GOT IT.

THEN HEAD INSIDE AND WAIT FOR ME, OKAY?

REN...?

HERE YOU GO, REN.

I'VE GOT AN ICED TEA...

KYAA..!

DO THESE TWO REALIZE THAT MORE AND MORE CUSTOMERS ARE HANGING AROUND UNTIL THIS HOUR JUST IN THE HOPES OF SEEING THEM GO AT IT?

GEEZ!

Soooo cute.

?

RED TEA, AND A BANANA MUFFIN.

WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE?

EITHER'S FINE.

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DINNER AFTER ALL

THEN HOW ABOUT BOTH AND YOU CAN SPLIT IT WITH ME...?

WHAT?!

...SORRY.

FOR NOT BEING A SISTER.

HMM?

WHAT IS IT?

...HARU?

YOU'VE GOT A HUGE FROWN ON YOUR FACE JUST AS YOU'VE COME HOME...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT SCHOOL...?

IS THAT SO..?

.....

Nothing's wrong.

REEEN...

SERIOUSLY?

It's none of your business.

There's nothing to discuss.

I SEE...

So that's how it's gonna be?

WHAT THE HECK--YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU WERE LISTENING EARLIER?

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS GOING OUT OF MY WAY TO EAVESDROP

I JUST OVERHEARD.

IF YOU WERE A GIRL, I'D BE SO WORRIED OVER YOU I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW I WAS SAYING IF I HAD ANOTHER SIBLING, IT'D BE NICE IF IT WAS A SISTER, YEAH?

BOY OR GIRL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY OVER ME.

...MAYBE THAT ACTUALLY MADE IT A LESS-THAN-IDEAL ENVIRONMENT, THEN.

HARUKO CAN SPEAK THREE OTHER LANGUAGES BESIDES JAPANESE AND ENGLISH.

BUT THEN--YOU LIVED MOST OF YOUR LIFE WITH HARUKO-SAN, AND IT'S NOT LIKE JAPANESE IS HER NATIVE LANGUAGE EITHER..

SO...NO JAPANESE?

HAVING TROUBLE WITH IT?

WELL.. YEAH. I GUESS.

I'M FINE LISTENING AND READING IT

OH, ME?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, HARU.. ?

YOU MOVED TO JAPAN AT AGE 8, RIGHT?

MMM, WELL I WASN'T ALL THAT DIFFERENT FROM YOU.

BUT IN MY CASE, THE GIRLS IN MY CLASS WERE REALLY NICE AND TAUGHT ME A LOT OF STUFF

THOUGH I WAS TELLING THE TRUTH

But in Ren's case...

...I doubt that's the problem.

WELL, IN YOUR CASE, YOU GREW UP IN A SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT, SO THERE'S NO HELPING THAT

YOU'LL LEARN TO DEAL WITH IT IN TIME.

GAH!!

OW OW OW OW OW !!!!

CHOMP

I'M KIDDING!!

JUST KIDDING!

Ren has very simple emotions.

They're underdeveloped...

...with no complicated branching whatsoever.

He's usually so expressionless,

but as such, he never hides what he's feeling, making him relatively easy to read.

.. WHAT IS IT?

frown

Here, see?

poke poke

FURROWING YOUR BROWS LIKE THAT...

...WILL RUIN YOUR ADORABLE FACE, YOU KNOW.

WHATEVER.

YOU'RE ALWAYS GRINNING ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US.

IS THAT SO..?

.....

C'MERE REN

JUST SHOWS THE JOY I FEEL EVERY DAY BY GETTING TO LIVE WITH MY BE-LOVED

Is there any-thing I can do...?

SURE

WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO

ROGER THAT

CLANG

--ery night

.....

...!!

Ah crap

This feels so amazing

I thought he was still just a kid, but

Thinking about it, it's probably not such a good idea to be sleeping with him ev--

SHITTY ANIKI! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING IN PLAIN SIGHT OF EVERYONE?!

YOUR HEAD'S IN CRITICAL CONDITION...

I'M FINE.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S NOT LOOKING GOOD.

REN...

MY VISION'S COMPLETELY RED NOW...BUT ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

Dammit just when it was getting good

Yeah yeah

AKI'S IN A BAD MOOD

GET TO WORK!

Why is he mad?

HE'S ALWAYS ANGRY AT SOMEONE UNLESS HE'S IN A PARTICULARLY GOOD MOOD...

GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING IT..

BREAK'S OVER!

GO TAKE TANUKI FOR A WALK

I'LL BE DONE IN A FEW AND THEN WE'LL HAVE DINNER, OKAY?

GOT IT.

YOU'VE SURE GOT A HELL OF A LOT OF NERVE FEELING UP AN UNDERAGE KID WHILE YOU MAKE ME WORK FOR NO PAY—

I'LL REPORT YOUR ASS TO THE POLICE

AH!

?

WHAT?

SHIMA?

THERE IT IS.

THE REASON AK'S ON A RAMPAGE.

WHO'S THAT GIRL WITH HIM?

ONE OF THE STUDENTS HE TUTORS

NATSUKAWA AI-CHAN, A 3RD-YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UTTERLY INFATUATED WITH SHIMA...

I SEE...

ARE THEY DATING?

HUH? NO WAY!

SHE'S JUST A MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENT!

HE'S TUTORING HER WITH A TON OF TRUST PLACED IN HIM--SEEING AS THEIR GRANDMOTHERS ARE FRIENDS.

...WELL I WAS A MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENT NOT TOO LONG AGO.

MMM, BUT THEN--

--IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S GOING TO SCHOOL RIGHT NOW

BUT WELL, THAT KIND OF THING HAPPENS A LOT.

ST A LOT OF THINGS

because she's near her beloved

...hurtsss. .

. .so hot...

.....

Ngh...

REN?

HEY, YOU. .

GEEZ

BEEP

THEN STOP CLINGING TO ME LIKE THAT!

. IT'S HOOOT .

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!

JOLT

CLATTER

PHEW

ZZZ

Huh ?

Dammit was Aki out late AGAIN ?

I've got work in the morning so wish he'd show a bit more consideration

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT TIME IT IS NOW?!

YOU'VE GOT'A BE AN IDIOT TO HEAD OUT BECAUSE SHE ASKED FOR YOU!

THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU TO QUIT THAT TUTORING JOB!!

WELL YEAH, THAT'S WHY I SAID YOU COULD GO ON TO SLEEP

AFTER ALL-- SHE'S MY RESPONSIBILITY AND JUST IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, SO I CAN'T ABANDON HER.

WHY?!

I CAN HARDLY HELP IT.

SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE TO FAWN ON HER.

AND WE UNDERSTAND WELL THE LONELINESS OF NOT HAVING OUR PARENTS NEAR US, RIGHT?

HEY, YOU TWO.

YOUR SPOILING HER LIKE THAT IS WHY SHE ACTS LIKE A BRAT!

REN'S JUST THE SAME!

BUT DO YOU EVER SEE HIM CAUSING TROUBLE LIKE THIS FOR OTHERS?!

YOU'RE MAKING A RACKET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

IF YOU'RE GONNA BITCH AT EACH OTHER, FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO DO IT.

ANI...

BUT HE--!

SHIMA!

SORRY TO HAVE WOKEN YOU UP, NIISAN.

WOULD YOU MIND IF I WENT OUT FOR A BIT?

AT THIS HOUR?

IS IT URGENT?

THE YOUNG MADAME NATSUKAWA SEEMS TO HAVE RUN AWAY FROM HOME.

SHE'S RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF OUR PLACE, APPARENTLY.

AI-CHAN?

SHOULD WE CALL HER HOME?

NO..

SHE LIVES WITH HER ELDERLY GRANDPARENTS ..

I DON'T THINK THEY REALIZE THAT SHE'S GONE YET, SO I'LL JUST QUIETLY BRING HER BACK.

I SEE...

THAT'S HOW IT IS, SO QUIT YOUR WHINING AKI, GOT IT?

TSK!

So annoying.

ALL RIGHT, I'M OFF. YOU ALL CAN GO ON TO SLEEP WITHOUT ME.

TAKE CARE.

YEAH

BUT AKI'D JUST GRIPE AT ME SOME MORE IF I WENT BACK TO OUR ROOM, SO I JUST...

WHAT TIME IS IT ?

4 AM.

DON'T SLEEP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD

REN?

.....

YEAH

IT'S COOL IN THE MORNING, AND THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE AROUND IN THE EVENING, SO...

REN--DO YOU ALWAYS GO OUT RUNNING AT THIS HOUR OF THE MORNING?

WHY NOT REST FOR TODAY AT LEAST ?

WE WERE MAKING SUCH A RACKET, YOU MUST NOT HAVE GOTTEN MUCH SLEEP...

IT'LL BE WORSE TO LET MY BODY GO.

I'LL BE FINE LIKE THIS.

SHIMA...?

.....

.....!

mutter

Put too much stress on your body while it's still growing, and you won't get tall...

.....

HUNTINGDON COLLEGE

HM?

SHIMA.

I'M GOING BACK TO SLEEP

SO CLOSE THAT THEY CAN CALL YOU OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

IS BEING A TUTOR A JOB THAT REQUIRES YOU TO GET THAT CLOSE WITH YOUR STUDENTS...?

OH, YOU MEAN AI-CHAN?

I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT WAY USUALLY.

SLEEP'S

DUE TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SHE LEFT HER PARENTS AND IS LIVING WITH HER GRANDPARENTS NOW.

BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE'S NOT DOING TOO WELL AT HER NEW SCHOOL.

IT'S PRETTY SIMILAR TO WHAT I WENT THROUGH, SO I CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW SHE FEELS AND JUST CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE.

NO..

?

...IT'S *AKI*.

EVEN THE VERY AIR ABOUT HER.

IT'S NOT YOU THAT SHE RESEMBLES...

MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T LEAVE HER BE?

SHIMA--

YOU CONVINCE YOURSELVES THAT THESE MEANING-LESS THINGS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT.

goes right for the throat

IT'S A BAD HABIT.

YOU'RE JUST LIKE HARU.

I'VE MEMORIZED ALL THEIR NAMES IN ORDER OF REGISTRY.

AND THEIR FACES?

HAVE YOU MEMORIZED THE NAMES AND FACES OF ALL YOUR CLASSMATES?

...I CAN'T TELL JAPANESE PEOPLE APART.

KAIDOU!

tremble

WHAT'RE YOU MAKING REN DO?!

HEY NOW, SIR!!

Though I'll admit it's funny

...WELL, I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO DO IT..

COME ON, SMILE!

I'm tired now

WELL I'M NOT DOING IT BECAUSE I WANT TO!!

BUT IF WE DON'T TEACH THIS AWKWARD KID HOW TO AT LEAST *FORCE* A SMILE, WE'RE GONNA BE THE ONES TO SUFFER!

MMM, YOU HAVE A POINT.

EVEN I'VE NEVER SEEN REN ACTUALLY LAUGH CAUSE SOMETHING WAS FUNNY.

WE'RE PRACTICING HIS SMILE!

NOTHING IN PARTICULAR!

DON'TCHA THINK THAT'S TOO TALL AN ORDER FOR HIM...?

UGH... SMILE, HUH...

HEY REN, TRY TO SMILE?

What the hell is that face?!

IT'S LIKE YOUR FACIAL MUSCLES ARE DEAD!!

HUH? YOU'RE HAVING DINNER ALONE TONIGHT, REN...?

HE GOT CALLED AWAY TO THE SHOP WITH AKI.

WHERE'S NISAN?

KURO-SAKI

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR...

BUT DOESN'T KIYOKA-SAN RUN HER SHOP THERE FROM 6 PM?

?

SEEMS SOME REGULAR CUSTOMERS FROM THIS AFTERNOON CAME TO THE BAR...

...AND SAID THEY WANTED TO EAT HARU'S COOKING

SHE'S GOT HER OWN CREW OVER THERE, DOESN'T SHE?

IF THIS KEEPS UP, THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN CLOSING UP THE CAFE AFTER 6 PM, HUH...

HE SAID IT WAS JUST FOR TODAY.

IT'S THE COUPLE'S ANNIVERSARY.

WANT DINNER?

SURE.

EVERYTHING'S READY

WAIT A MINUTE AND I'LL REHEAT THIS.

THANKS.

THEN--I'LL DROP MY BAG OFF IN MY ROOM.

THAT REMINDS ME, REN--

YOU'RE SITTING IN ON SOME SPECIAL LECTURES AT SCHOOL?

YEAH.

BUT I'M TAKING A BREAK FOR NOW.

WHY?

BECAUSE MY HOMEROOM TEACHER DECIDED IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT FOR ME TO LEARN POLITE SPEECH AND HOW TO GIVE A FORCED SMILE.

They're really putting Ren through his paces huh.

?

POLITE SPEECH IS ONE THING, BUT FORCED SMILES...?

THE JOURNAL ENTRY THEY MAKE ME WRITE EVERY-DAY IS REALLY ANNOYING...

SO INSTEAD, NOW I HAVE TO TAKE JAPANESE CLASSES...

JOURNAL!

They're making this kid keep a journal!!

HEY...

REN.

WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO HOLD YOUR CHOPSTICKS?

...YOUR OLDER BROTHER.

MMM, I THOUGHT AS MUCH.

YOU HOLD THEM THE SAME WAY.

AND THE WAY YOU EAT IS THE SAME, TOO.

HE TAUGHT ME TO EAT THREE MEALS A DAY, AND TO CHANGE CLOTHES EVERY DAY--

...AND SLEEP IN A BED AT NIGHT.

IT WASN'T JUST CHOP-STICKS...

GREETINGS FOR MORNING

THESE ARE A-

"THAT" HABIT INSTILLED IN ME OVER A SINGLE SUMMER.

Geez

...AND HOW WHEN I'M HAPPY, OR EVEN WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS, THAT I'M TO TALK TO PEOPLE.

HE TAUGHT ME TO BE SURE TO TELL SOMEONE WHEN I'M HURT OR NOT FEELING WE...

TO USE PHRASES LIKE "I'M SORRY" AND "THANK YOU" TO BE SURE THE PERSON I'M TALKING TO UNDERSTANDS.

This kid...

HAPPY THINGS, SAD THINGS...

I LEARNED THEM ALL FROM HARU.

...is really...

GEEZ, I DON'T CARE IF IT'S THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OR WHAT--THEY REALLY SHOULD'VE FOUND A NICER RESTAURANT!

YUP, ALL DONE.

WITH THE WAY THEY WERE CARRYING ON, I FIGURED THEY JUST CAME TO CLAP EYES ON ANIKI AS A COUPLE!

WELL, WORD'S GETTING AROUND THAT HE'S A FORMER HOST, SO...

And #1 in his shop, at that

MIND IF I BORROW THESE RESUME DOCUMENTS?

SHIMA.

GO AHEAD.

ARE YOU DONE IN THE SHOP?

gacha

DOO

I GUESS AT THIS RATE, THEN, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HIS FORMER CLIENTS MAKE THEIR WAY HERE, HUH?

I SUPPOSE..

AND ANIKI'S THE SAME AS EVER.

IF IT'S SO MUCH TROUBLE, ALL HE HAS TO DO IS TURN THEM DOWN!

ABOUT MY HOME-TUTORING POSITION...

I'M NOT GOING TO QUIT.

IF HE COULD DO THAT, HE WOULDN'T BE OUR BROTHER.

YEAH YEAH, I KNOW!

ALL RIGHT, I'M BORROWING THIS!

AKI.

.. WHAT?

THAT'S GOOD E- NOUGH RIGHT?

SHOULD I GET CALLED OUT A- GAIN LIKE BEFORE, I WON'T LEAVE

THEN *FINE!* IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA QUIT, DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANT!

OH IS *THAT* SO??

BUT--

SEE IF I GIVE A DAMN!

MAN, I AM SO TIRED TODAY!

I WORKED LIKE A DOG! REN--PUT MORE WEIGHT INTO IT, WOULD YOU?

PRESS PRESS

I AM!

NOT BEING ABLE TO EAT WITH YOU...

...SORRY ABOUT TODAY.

THEN...

THAT'S FINE.

OH--NO, I WAS JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHAT YOU TWO TALKED ABOUT OVER DINNER, THAT'S ALL.

?

SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?

CAN'T REALLY IMAGINE IT. .

JUST NORMAL STUFF.

More?

IT WAS WORK-- NOT LIKE YOU CAN HELP IT.

AND SHIMA WAS HOME, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS ALONE.

I SEE...

SHIMA, HUH. .

More

OOH.. RIGHT.

WELL, YOU LEARNED IT FROM ME, AFTER ALL.

HE SAID I HOLD MINE JUST LIKE YOU...

YOU WERE ALWAYS TRYING TO PICK UP FOOD WITH YOUR HANDS!

SIGH

I'LL ALWAYS BAD-MOUTH YOU TO YOUR FACE.

HE JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHO TAUGHT ME HOW TO HOLD CHOPSTICKS.

CHOPSTICKS?

YEAH...

YOU *WHAT*?!

BUT WE MOSTLY TALKED ABOUT YOU.

YOU TWO BETTER NOT HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN BAD-MOUTHING ME!

WHAT A GOOD BOY!

MMHMM.

I FINALLY MANAGED TO OUTPERSEVERE YOU IN THE END AND GOT YOU TO OBEY...

I TOLD HIM THAT YOU TAUGHT ME A LOT OF OTHER STUFF AS WELL.

STILL--I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT SNOTTY BRAT WOULD GROW UP LIKE THIS..

HEY--DON'T MAKE THAT FACE WHEN YOU'RE REMEMBERING THAT TIME!

YOU'RE KILLING ME HERE!

You were really stubborn, too...

Kiss

WELL EX-CUSE ME FOR BEING A SNOTTY BRAT ..

MM? BUT YOU WERE REALLY CUTE BACK THEN, TOO ..

NOT THAT YOU AREN'T NOW!

YOU WERE MY VERY BEST STUDENT...

.....

WHEN I LOOK AT YOU NOW, I REALIZE MY EFFORTS BACK THEN WEREN'T WASTED.

REN?

HMM?

WHAT'S WRONG?

squeeze

YOU...

STOP SMILING SO EA-SILY...

YOU'RE ALWAYS GRINNING, AND I CAN NEVER TELL WHAT YOU FIND SO EN-JOYABLE...

THAT'S THE ONE THING I CAN'T IMITATE...

BECAUSE I CAN SEE IT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES!

REN?

.....

HM?

WHAT'S WRONG?

HAHA!

WELL--THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO FORCE YOURSELF TO SMILE, REALLY.

Because they know--

And neither did Aki or Shima.

...HARU.

...never told me to smile, not even once.

Haru...

They know... how hard it is to force a smile.

...BEEN FORC-ING YOURSELF, HAVEN'T YOU?

Haru was always smiling

get angry, but he

and I recall

For me: a child who didn't know how to smile.

purpose o ther than my own sake.

HUH?

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WHAT'RE WE WATCHING HERE?

WHAT? LET ME HANG OUT WITH YOU TWO

UWAH! WHAT'RE YOU DOING, ANIK?!

It was piling up

A FOREIGN DRAMA SERIES I'VE BEEN RECORDING.

DEFINITELY IMPOSSIBLE!

NOOOO I CAN'T TONIGHT!

YOU'VE GOT WORK TOMORROW, RIGHT?

SHOULDN'T YOU TURN IN AS WELL?

It's crowded

WENT TO SLEEP A WHILE AGO.

THE ADRENALINE'S REALLY PUMPING TODAY..

WHAT HAPPENED TO REN?

WHAT'S THIS?

SO REN FINALLY JUMPED YOU?

HE JUST SPRINGS STUFF ON ME, SO...

WELL, REGARDLESS, TODAY I WAS HORRIBLE.

I ACTED TOTALLY LAME IN FRONT OF REN TODAY...

YOU MEAN "TODAY AS WELL" RIGHT?

DON'T KID YOURSELF!

"TODAY"?

IDI--

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SUGGESTING, SHIMA?!

EH?!

NO WAY!

I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM SAY AS SUCH, AT LEAST.

DOESN'T HE THINK I'M COOL?

I was horribly arrogant.

ARGH, I JUST CAN'T HELP IT!!

I LOVE THAT KID!

...NOW YOU SAY THAT, AFTER ALL THIS TIME?

HE MADE ME JUST BREAK OUT IN TEARS!

HE REALLY IS!!

AH--BUT BUT, HE'S PRETTY MANLY, SO.

WAH!

I GUESS I COULD SEE IT...

DON'T SAY DEPRESSING!!

AND IT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A DEPRESSING SIGHT, I'LL BET.

I'd always assumed I was the only one contributing anything.

And when it was suddenly turned back on me...

...I fell into a pit of unpreparedness I never knew existed.

frown

Did you wake up?

Ren's hands as he stroked my head...were terribly gentle.

There's no need to worry; the day will come eventually when Ren will smile.

And it'll be like a flower blooming.

LIKE I SAID--

PHRASES LIKE "WE TYPICALLY DO THIS" AND "EVERYONE GENERALLY DOES THAT" JUST CONFUSE ME.

I DON'T GET WHAT'S "NORMAL" OR "GENERAL".

YOU DON'T JUST SAY 'MY BAD' WHEN YOU BUMP INTO SOMEONE!

YOU'LL GENERALLY GET SLUGGED IN RETURN IF YOU DO THAT!

IN THESE KINDS OF SITUATIONS, YOU TYPICALLY BOW YOUR HEAD TO AN AUTHORITY FIGURE!

"TYPICALLY"?

"GENERALLY"?

THAT'S JUST A BAD HABIT OF JAPANESE PEOPLE!

AH, SENSEI, IT'S NO USE!

THIS IS GONNA BE A LONG DISCUSSION, HUH.

THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE TO START?!

HEHEH!

RIGHT?

EVEN WHEN PEOPLE TOLD ME TO GET RID OF MY ACCENT, I COULDN'T DO IT! THERE WAS NO REASON TO, AFTER ALL!

KAIDOU'S NOT JAPANESE ON THE INSIDE, SO IT'S FUTILE TRYING TO FORCE THIS STUFF ON HIM!

↑ From Tochigi Prefecture

HE SPEAKS LIKE AN OLD GUY FROM THE SHOWA ERA!

HIS JAPANESE IS BETTER THAN OURS EVEN!

It's totally fine!

IT'S ALL PROPER AND SHIT!

HUH?

WHY DO YOU ASK?

...YOU LOT CAN UNDERSTAND HIS JAPANESE?

IT MAKES SENSE?

I'M GONNA GET CALLED ON TODAY!

MIND TRANSLATING THIS ENGLISH TEXT FOR ME??

REEEEN!

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I DON'T HAVE YOUR 'WRITING TALENT'.

IMPOSSIBLE.

Only if you'll write my journal entry for today for me.

I DON'T GET KIDS THESE DAYS, GEEZ...

Sorry. I can't help you!

OH YEAH, REN! I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET.

WHAT?!

THAT DAMN OLD GEEZER!!

IT'S HANG-ING UP IN THE HALL OUTSIDE THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE.

THAT ESSAY YOU WROTE THE OTHER DAY...

...Y'KNOW, I THINK YOUR JAPANESE IS ACTUALLY ALL RIGHT...

SHIMA GOT CALLED IN TO THE LAB AT SCHOOL, SO HE'S RUNNING A BIT LATE.

CAN'T YOU PUT UP WITH ME AS YOUR TEACHER UN-TIL HE GETS BACK? WE LOOK ALIKE, AFTER ALL.

Oh--uh, that's... not what I meant...

UMM...

IS SHIMA-SENSEI... HERE YET?

Welcome back, then!

WOOOW, REALLY?

ALSO--

BUT--I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL STARTING NEXT WEEK!

YOU KNOW, I WANTED TO TELL THIS TO SHIMA-SENSEI MYSELF,

I WANTED...TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING ME HOME THE OTHER DAY.

MY GRANDPARENTS WERE FURIOUS WITH ME AFTER THAT.

AKI-SAN AND SHIMA-SENSEI DON'T REALLY LOOK ALIKE.

STILL... EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TWINS,

It's kind of like a "before" and "after" shot!

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YOUR FACES ARE THE SAME, BUT YOUR BODY TYPE AND PERSONALITIES ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT--IT'S QUITE STRANGE...

REALLY?

NO, WELL-- I WOULDN'T CALL US *MUDDLED*...

JUST HALF OF US ARE RELATED BY BLOOD AND HALF OF US AREN'T, THAT'S ALL.

BUT ALL FOUR OF YOU ARE PRETTY SIMILAR, ALL THE SAME.

MY GRANDMOTHER SAID THAT SHIMA-SENSEI'S FAMILY IS REALLY MUDDLED, AND THAT IT MUST BE TOUGH.

I'D HEARD THAT YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER PASSED AWAY, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THE DETAILS...

YOUR ELDEST AND YOUNGEST BROTHERS...

...IN PARTICULAR!

YOU THINK?

ALL FOUR OF US?

WELL. YOU'RE BROTHERS, AREN'T YOU?

YOU HAVE THE SAME AIR ABOUT YOU, SEE.

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